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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Chunhua YAN et al.

Art Unit: 1652

Serial No.: 10/067,977

Examiner: D. Steadman

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For: ISOLATED HUMAN KINASE PROTEINS,
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING
HUMAN KINASE PROTEINS, AND USES
THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

By Facsimile

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action from Examiner Steadman mailed on February 25, 2003 in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above referenced application. A Petition for One-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect claim group III, claims 4-6, 8-11 and 22-23, directed to nucleic acid molecules, vectors, host cells, etc., for examination and have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected groups I-II and IV-X.

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Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3, 5-7, and 10-23 as being directed to non-elected subject matter or being made redundant by way of the amendments below.